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SOURCE Hospodar.GIVES FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA

FOREIGN TRADE BALANCE FAVORABLE -- Hospodar, No 24, 15 Jun 50

Czechoslovak foreign trade amounted to the following during the first 5 months of 1950 (in millions of crowns):

<u>Month</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Exports</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Jan	2,469	2,543	+ 74
Feb	2,578	2,335	- 243
Mar	3,074	3,357	+ 283
Apr	2,710	3,170	+ 460
May	2,654	2,736	+ 82
Total	13,485	14,141	+ 656

FOREIGN TRADE SHOWS INCREASE IN JUNE -- Hospodar, No 28, 13 Jul 50

The value of foreign trade in June 1950 and the first half of 1950 was as follows (in millions of crowns):

<u>Period</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Exports</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Jun 1950	3,380	3,508	+ 128
First half of 1950	16,867	17,650	+ 783

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CONCLUDES TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUMANIA -- Hospodar, No 28, 13 Jul 50

Economic negotiations between the Czechoslovak delegation and representatives of the Rumanian government were concluded in Bucharest on 8 July. The Czechoslovak delegation was headed by Dr Antonin Gregor, Minister of Foreign Trade. Other members of the delegation included Engr Stanislav Rejna, Assistant Minister of Industry, and Engr Jan Plsva, branch chief in the Ministry of Foreign Trade.

Several agreements were concluded, the most important being the special agreement concerning the delivery of investment goods from Czechoslovakia to Rumania and the delivery of raw materials and foodstuffs from Rumania to Czechoslovakia. This agreement will be effective until 1953. A protocol enlarging considerably the currently effective Czechoslovak-Rumanian trade agreement on mutual scientific-technical work was also signed.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN TRADE -- Hospodar, No 26, 29 Jun 50

The Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce is a nation-wide association which unites all the monopoly foreign trade companies. Its tasks concern foreign trade entirely. Its members are, besides the monopoly foreign trade companies, some central managements of national industry, some state commercial enterprises, the Prague Sample Fairs, the Central Union of Czechoslovak Industry, the Revolutionary Trade-Union Movement, the Czechoslovak Travel Office, the Zivnostenska Banka (Small Businessmen's Bank), and others.

The tasks of the Chamber were as follows in 1949:

1. To establish the programs for the various Chambers of Commerce, that is, legalization and certification for the customs and the supply and demand program.
2. To introduce the Chamber to the international forum -- particularly in the capitalist world -- and to carry out such public relations work as is necessary to make the Chamber a generally known and recognized institution.
3. To establish the Court of Arbitration.
4. To take over the Czechoslovak Fair Center from the Central Union of Czechoslovak Industry, enlarge it, and fulfill the fair and exhibition plan for 1949.
5. To take over the program of the press and the public relations section of the Ministry of Foreign Trade, as far as direction and public relations of the monopoly companies are concerned.
6. To take over the editorial program of the press and propagation section of the Ministry of Foreign Trade, except for the editorial page of the bulletin [of the Ministry of Foreign Trade].
7. To take over the only Czechoslovak export review (Czechoslovak Exporter) and to enlarge it into an instrument of effective propagation of foreign trade.
8. To reorganize and transfer to the sphere of the Chamber the Czechoslovak Group of the International Chamber of Commerce and the seven mixed chambers of commerce.

Engr Jaroslav Kohout, manager of the monopoly company Oleaspol, is the chairman of the [executive] committee elected on 26 June 1950.

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ESTABLISH NEW ENTERPRISE -- Hospodar, No 2, 6 Jul 50

Technopol, Inc., a corporation providing scientific-technical assistance, was established by the Ministry of Foreign Trade on 27 June 1950. As of 1 July 1950, purchase of patents, patent licenses, trademarks, and samples abroad for use in Czechoslovakia will be authorized. It is to transmit and receive technical documentation and construction plans in contact with foreign countries, arrange for technological tests, and conclude contracts about mutual obligations resulting from scientific-technical cooperation with foreign countries. In this connection, it is to inspect manufacturing and commercial plants and to study the development of plant operations, arrange for technical practice in production and for training of scientific and technical cadres, and to keep records of these activities. Its stock capital amounts to 2 million crowns.

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